"BEYOND BELIEF" SAYS BETTERTON

Comments on Auditor's Report on Hayes' Books-Explains Obscure Points.

Commissioner T. C. Betterton issued this morning a statement in which he explained in detail the two reports which he submitted to the city commission in regard to shortages discovered in the books of Charles Hayes, circuit court clerk. Mr. Betterton brings out some obscure points which have not yet been touched upon. In explaining the matter Mr. Betterton said:

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"At the meeting of the board of commissioners on August 13 the mayor stated that only approximately \$700 had been collected on back tax property redemptions through the special audit of Mr. Petersen, of Circuit Clerk Hayes books. I stated at the time I thought the mayor was not correct, but in order to be sure I asked Mr. Petersen to give me a summary of these collections, which showed about \$2,300 aiready collected from Mr. Hayes on tax redemptions due the city, and about \$2,300 in the course of collection, the correctness of which figures Mr. Hayes has admitted, but on which he claims the city should give him credit for some \$300, which he claims was paid to Mr. A. S. Dickey for collecting. This last named amount is now being contested in the chancery court, not that Mr. Hayes denies having collected this amount, but only because he claims that the city should allow him a credit of the smount that he claims to have paid A. S. Dickey.

Dickey.

"In addition to this tax redemption money which Mr. Petersen in his audit turned up against Mr. Hayes he also caused Mr. Hayes to pay into the city treasury something more than \$700, which he, Mr. Hayes, had collected on tines and costs and held from nine to offteen months, when all of these amounts should have been paid, according to law, as they were collected by the circuit court clerk.

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"I was, therefore, unwilling that the splendid audit made by Mr. Petersen should be minimised by the statement of the mayor that only the sum of \$700-had been collected through Mr. Petersen's audit. The mayor in his statement before the board of commissioners on Tuesday, August 20, asserted that his figures had been furnished him by some one in his department; however, we take it that there is not a single member of the commissioners who was not acquainted with the fact that much more money than \$700 had been collected through the results of Mr. Petersen's audit, and it seems strange that any one connected with the city government would have thus undertaken to have minimised the importance of Mr. Petersen's audit or the amount of Mr. Haves' shortage or defalcations.

"In going over these matters with Mr. Petersen he called my attention to what he then thought to be another gross defalcation on Mr. Hayes' part, and upon further investigation Mr. Petersen randown the fact that on March 31, 1914, the Hamilton National bank paid to Mr. Hayes the sum of \$581.00 in back taxes on the city's account assessed against on the city's account assessed against on the fact and a second against on the fact that on March 31, 1914, the Hamilton National bank covering this payment was not the kind of receipt as is provided by law but was a receipt as is provided by law but was a receipt as is provided by law but was a receipt as in provided by law but was a receipt as in provided by law but was a receipt the sum of some the cords covering this smeunit paid by the Hamilton National bank. As far as we could as for his private purposes. In company with Mr. Petersen I went to the office of Mr. Hayes and examined the records covering this smeunit paid by the Hamilton National bank. As far as we could as certain the only record made by Mr. Hayes covering this collection was on the tax books where, of cou Impaints and the second of the

gan to leave.
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THIRTY MILLION DOLLAR PLANT TO MANUFACTURE NITRATES

Uncle Sam Building World's Greatest Power Dams On Tennessee River for Project.

(By Frederick M. Kerby, N. E. A. Staff powerhouse will develop 450,000 horse-Correspondent.)

Sheffield, Ala.-The United States government will never again have to depend upon Chilean nitrates for the

depend upon Chilean nitrates for the manufacture of its explosives.

One of the greatest of modern power projects, that will furnish the power to take nitrogen from the sir and "fix" it by the cyanamid process to make nitric acid and ammonium nitrate for war use, is under way at Musele Sheals, on the Tennessee river in northern Alabama.

The nitrate plant is the outcome of a ten-years' fight to secure power development at this point. The government is spending \$50,000,000 to develop the \$60,000 available horsepower, and with it produce nitrates from the air. The once sleepy little town of Sheffield and its sister towns of Florence and Tuscumbia, look like the site of an army cantonment. Twenty thousand men are at work. Housing structures have already been erected to take care of 19,000, and more are going up as rapidly as lumber and nails and manpower can construct them. The muddy wafers of the Tennessee river are filled power can construct them. The muddy waters of the Tennessee river are filled with barges of stone, coal and all kinds of material marked "U. S. govern-ment." Long lines of mule teams, their

of material marked "U. S. government." Long lines of mule teams, their negro drivers nodding in the sunshine, move along the river hank.

Two Great Dams Needed.

Remarkable progress has been made in the work. Two immense power dams must be constructed to develop the water power. They will not be finished in time for use during the war, unless it should last far longer than is now anticipated.

But work on the process plants has been rushed to completion and they will be operated by steam until the water power is ready. Plant No. 1 has been operating since last October. Its ammonium nitrate shipments are already going to the government powder mill at Hadley's Bend, near Nashville. Eventually it will supply one-half of its output te explosive plants, where it will be mixed with "TNT" and loaded into shells.

Nitrate plant No. 2 is nearly complete and will begin operation within two months, using power furnished by the Alabama Power company temporarily.

Longost Dam in World. Dam No. 3 is fifteen miles up stream from the first dam. It will be 40 feet high, but it will be 6,425 feet long—the longest dam in the world, exceeding even the famous Assouan dam in the Upper Nile by twenty-five feet.

The government's estimate of the cost of power development on the whole project show that it will be less than 1:2 mills per kilowatt-hour. At

whole project show that it will be less than 1 1.2 mills per kilowatt-hour. At Nisgara Falls, the cost of developing electricity ranges from 1.6 mills to more than 3 mills per kilowatt-hour. When completed these power plants, and the nitrate plants using the power, will turn out nitric acid and ammonium nitrate not only for exclusive. ium nitrate not only for explosives but for dyestuffs and fertilizer. An American dyestuff industry forever independent of Germany will thus be as-

What this will mean to the Amer-What this will mean to the American farmers, too, can scarcely be realized. Nitrogen is an essential in soils, Nitrogenous fertilizers have been high in cost because the sole source of supply for the United States has been the Chilean nitrate beds. After the war, with this great plant in government ownership, and the necessity of producing nitric acid and ammonium nitrate for explosives reduced to a minimal to the composition of the composition o trate for explosives reduced to a mini-mum, the plant will be able to devote much of its capacity to the production of fertilizer. This can be sold at cost to farmers.

New Ers for South.

The power developed here is going to make this part of the south the center of a great electro-chemical and electro-metallurgical industry. Within a 300-mile radius of Muscle Shoals are to be found raw materials for helf a a 300-mile radius of Muscle Shoais are to be found raw materials for half a dozen such industries. These include Arkansas bauxite, for aluminum manu-Arkansas bauxite, for aluminum manu-facture: magnesium from the Tennes-see valley beds of magnesian dolomite; potash from the high-grade potash felspars of the southern Appalachians; sinc, ferro-silicon and ferro-phos-phorus; calcium carbide from lime-stone and coal nearby; chlorine, caus-tic alkali and sodium, from the sait wells of West Virginia and Louisiana; electrodes from the graphite fields of

ersen to turn over the amount to the proper authorities."

Conditions "Beyond Belief."

Mr. Betterton sald further that the situation in Mr. Hayes' office was "beyond belief." and that he "had been allowed to transgress the law governing his office" and "violate every principle" in the handling of public funds. escape criminal prosecution and still maintain an office "beyond snything of the kind" that he had seen in an "enlightened and decent community." That official serving the public, who thus violates the law, "appropriating to his own use public funds in large amounts, while the poor man who steals to feed hungry mouths and clothe naked bodies is sent to the workhouse and penitentiary" was in his judgment "one of the most fruifful sources of the spirit of anarchy and diaregard for law." He said that "our workhouses and penitentiaries are full of unfortunate men and women far more excusable for their shortcomings than are these men in trusted official positions who embezzle and default and misappropriate funds intrusted to them."

went for his employer.

sistant, Sam Carter.

"Cold Deal" for Giving

Short Weights of Ice

"As a public official," he said in con-clusion. "I have had to come in contact with several officials unfaithful and un-trustworthy in this respect, but Mr. Hayes in his conduct of the office of cir-cuit court clerk goes beyond anything I have ever seen."

GREENLEAF SUBSCRIBES \$5,000 in WAR SAVINGS

Hospital Group Heads List of Purchasers a Little More

Than \$2,000. Then \$2,000.

Not satisfied with having enlisted to fight the kaiser, the men of Camp Greenleaf have contributed an additional bit toward winning the war. On their last pay day a war savings stamp campaign was carried on among the various medical units at the instigation of Col. Munson, with the result that a total of \$4,518.45 worth of the stamps was purchased by the medicad units. The hospital group headed the list of purchasers with \$2,304 worth of stamps bought by 2,663 officers and men. The motor-drawn group came second with \$1,515 worth, an average of about a dollar per man. This is the second thrift stamp campaign which has been carried on among the men.

CHARGE WASTE OF \$648,000,000

Long-Awaited Report of Ingulry Aircraft Production Finally Given Out.

FAVOR ONE-MAN CONTROL

Early Delays Scathingly Arraigned-Oreation Separate

Department Recommended. Washington, Aug. 22.—(I. N. S.)—
Asserting that those in charge of producing aircraft for the American fighting forces abroad have practically wasted \$648,000,000, the aircraft investigating committee reported to the senate military affairs committee today that the aircraft program up to the present time has presented "many aspects of failure."

There was a scathing arraignement

There was a scathing arraignement of delays in the early days of the war, a review of improved conditions and recommendations for the creation of a

recommendations for the creation of a new, separate department of aviation with a cabinet officer at its head.

Situation improved.

While an army of 3,500,000 men has been raised, the investigating commit-tee declares that the aircraft situa-tion presents the following aspects:

1. Six hundred and one Derlaviland 1. Six hundred and one Deflaviland fours embarked for France up to Aug. 1. Of these, sixty-seven had reached the front by July 1. On Aug. 7 a squadron of eighteen DeHaviland fours flew over the German lines. No details of its performance have been received.

2. There is not a single Americanmade Chasse (or plane of attack) on the battle front.

3. Not a single American-made heavy bombing plane used on the bat-tle line.

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4. The United States has not developed and put into quantity production a single Chasse, or fighting plane.

5. The attempt to create a fighting plane centered on an effort to adapt the Bristol fighter and DeHaviland to the Liberty motor. The Bristol was put into quantity production without sufficient tests, more than \$6,500,000 waste expended and the lives of several men sacrificed, when the machine was condemned and its manufacture discontinued.

Harry Jackson, arrested by Detectives Carl Whiteley and Paul Brown in connection with an alleged robbery of the jewelry establishment of H. H. Whittemore, on Market street, was discharged Thursday morning when he appeared before Judge Martin Fleming. According to a report, a large number of watches and diamond rings, valued at about \$4,000, were taken.

Jackson, upon going down to the establishment, discovered that the place had been rifled, and he promptly went for his employer.

U. S. PATROL ASHORE

Fifteen Men Reach an Island and Nine Members of Crew Cling to Ship in Strong Wind.

An Atlantic Port, Aug. 22.—A United States patrol boat is reported to be ashore in the south Atlantic. Fifteen men are said to have reached an island and the other nine members of the crew were clinging to the ship in a strong northeast wind when they left the vessel. Since they, reports say that four of these on boar's tried to reach shore, but were drowned. Rescue ships have gone to the scene, twenty miles away. Stern justice had a cold deal for Will Baker, colored, who was in police court Thursday morning, charged with giving short weight in ice. Will was fined \$50 and costs and held to the grand jury under a bond of \$1,000. The prosecutors were T. F. Mahoney, sealer of weights and measures, and his assistant Sam Carter. FREIGHT RATES ON COTTON
TO BE CONTINUED THIS YEAR
Washington, Aug. 22.—Existing freight
rates on cotton shipped in any quantities
will be continued this year, the railroad
administration announces.

PUBLIC OPINION IN SWITZERLAND CHANGING UNITED STATES TREASURY HOLDS
\$2,518,675,515 RESERVE
Washington. Aug. 22.—The United
States treasury now holds a gol reserve
of \$2,518,675,515.08, Secretary McAdoo announced today. Of this sum \$768,676.408.62 is in gold coin and the balance in
buillon.

SWITZERLAND CHANGING

But a Small Portion of the Population
Has Sympathy for the German Cause.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Public opinion in the German-speaking portions of
Switzerland has undergone a great
change recently and those cantons are
rapidly approaching in sympathy with
the French portion of the republic
which has been pro-ally since the outbreak of the war, according to an official dispatch from France.

The dispatch says that the Frankfort Zeitung publises a long letter from
a German resident of Switzerland,
which testifies to the change in public
opinion. The writer of the letter says:
"A great part of public opinion has
become entente-ophile, or else is acting as if it had become so. Another

HINT IN PRONUNCIATION.

Pronunciation for some of the shorter names on the map of the fighting zone is indicated as follows: Arcy Ar-see Arcy
Aure

Aure

Ore
Aure

Avacon

Ah-vah-song
Avize

Ah

Ah

Ah-see Basel Bazzy (Flemish)
Baume Bone

Beaune Bone

part has remained theoretically neutral A very small portion of the population has sympathy for the German cause. The correspondent explains this con-dition by remarking that the entents is supplying Switzerland with bread and that Switzerland depends industrially more on the entente than on Germany.

Another official dispatch says the

Swiss federal council has indefinitely postponed the suppression of the Frere Zeitung, the German-language newspa-per published in Switzerland.

J. H. ETTER'S ROADSTER
STOLEN THIS MORNING
A Chevrolet roadster, the property
of J. H. Etter, well known real estate man, was stolen Thursday morning from in front of the Volunteer State Life Insurance building. The matter was reported to the police and detec-

CHARGE NEGRESS WITH

AIDING DRAFT EVASION

Ollie Mae Bell, colored, was registered at police headquarters Thursday afternoon and held for federal authorities. Joe Shipp, a secret service man, was the officer in the case. The Bell woman is alleged to have signed a questionnaire as the wife of the registrant concerned. According to the intrant concerned. According to the in-formation, it later developed that she man's wife, and now she

'J. HAM" TAKES TO DUGOUT TO AVOID HUN BOMB

Oise and the Somme and was defended EVERY MEAL A

Gen. Mangin on Wednesday continued to move forward to the Oise.

If the German front there has not been pierced, as the Germans claim the French are trying to do, it has been bent back a considerable distance and it is believed may have to withdraw to the Allette. draw to the Allette.

Observers here see a new danger for the enemy in the British attack north of the Ancre in the direction of Ba-paume. The British - ready are on the battleground of 1916.

RESOLUTION TO ADMIT

Washington, Aug. 22.—A joint resolution authorizing the admission into this country of refugees who are driven from their own countries because of war conditions, was transmitted to the senate and house today by President

POISONOUS INJECTION

Few folks suffering from kidney and bladder troubles ever think that the meals which they are taking are hastening their death. Every morsel of food taken gives up its quantity of uric acid. This poison is taken into the system through a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder. In the healthy man nature provides an outlet for this poison. These in ill-health must take a medicinal help to drive this death-dealing poison from the system. For over 200 years GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules have been doing this work. They effect prompt relief in all diseases arising from kidney and bladder troubles. Don't put off this vital matter of attending to your health until it is time to make your funeral arrangements. Get a bex of GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules today. Look for the genuine. Your druggist sells them. They are sugaranteed or money refunded. Insist an GOLD MEDAL Brand—(Adv.) Few folks suffering from kidney as

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